IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the Specification on Page 3 by amending the paragraph in lines 13 to 15 to read as follows:

--According to the present invention, there is provided a device for machining steel connecting rods. as claimed in Claim 1.--

Please amend the Specification on Page 3 by amending the paragraph in lines 18 to 20 to read as follows:

--According to the present invention, there is provided a method of machining steel connecting rods. as claimed in Claim 8.

Please amend the Specification on Page 3 by amending the paragraph in lines 23 to 25 to read as follows:

--According to the present invention, there is provided a low case hardened steel connecting rod, as claimed in Claim 15..